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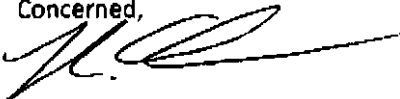
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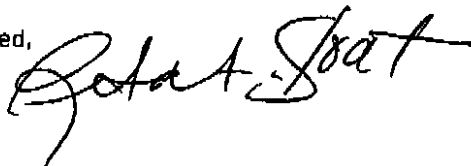
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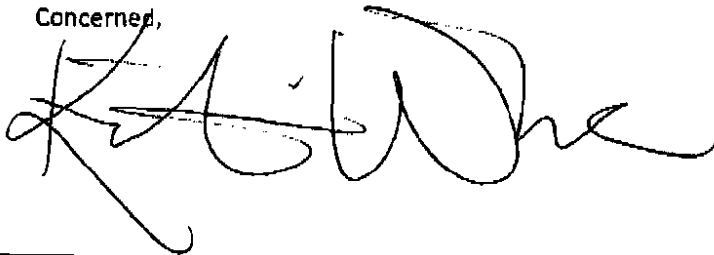
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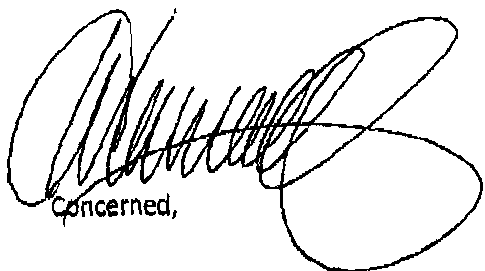
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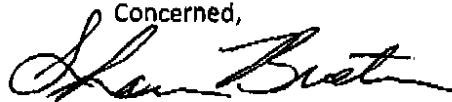
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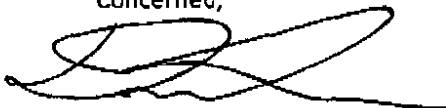
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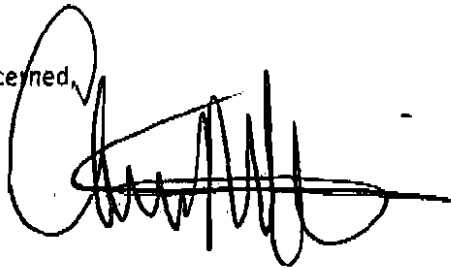
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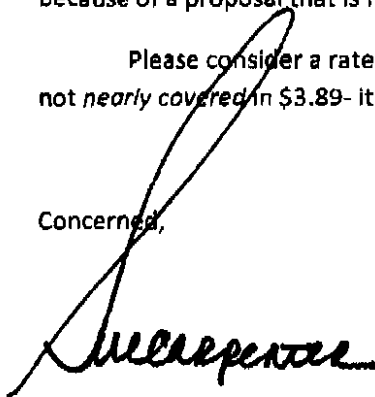
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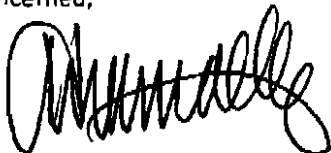
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Sorenson has responded to you about the actual cost of providing a minute of VRS service; OVER 5 DOLLARS a MINUTE. There is no way that \$3.89/min would even pay the precious and talented interpreters.

Please consider a rate that is fair to all companies and ensures that Deaf Americans will not be silenced and their rights to equal access and functional equivalency crippled.

Concerned,

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